

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants: Hans-Dieter MÜLLER

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For: MACHINE TOOL WITH GRIPPER AND/OR
TOOL MAGAZINE SYSTEM

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner of Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to initial examination, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend claim 18 as follows:

18. (amended) A gripper according to claim 6, characterised in that in grasping said tool said contact surface of said first member first engages in said annular slot, groove, recess or shoulder of said tool or tool shank, and said second member previously, simultaneously or subsequently grasps the surface of said tool shank or tool with a clamping action.

Please kindly cancel claims 23 and 24.